

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A communication scheme assigns address and determines the setting of address servers. In this scheme ~~The~~ other communication devices are prohibited to transmit ~~the~~ an address initialization request for a prescribed period of time since one communication device transmitted the address initialization request for an address managed by a control protocol, so that ~~the~~ conflict of the initialization requests for the same address will not occur and the problem of assigning the address in overlap to the communication devices will not arise. Also, ~~the~~ other communication devices are prohibited to transmit ~~the~~ ~~the~~ an address server detection request packet for a prescribed period of time since one communication device transmitted the address server detection request packet, so that the conflict on the network by a plurality of address server detection requests will not occur, and it is possible to determine the MAC address server uniquely.